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SUBJECT: US-ROMANIAN BILATERAL ON LAW OF THE SEA ISSUES

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1. AMBASSADOR RICHARSON AND DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER GLIGA
MET FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON LAW OF THE SEA ISSUES
ON FRIDAY, MAY 27. ROMANIA, A MEMBER OF THE DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES GROUP OF 66 (G-77) SAID THAT THE LATEST G-77
PROPOSAL ON THE REGIME FOR THE DEEP SEABED BEDS WERE
REALISTIC AND RESONABLE. THE MINISTER SAID THAT MANY
STATES IN THE G-77 ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT THE PARALLEL SYS-
TEM OF EXPLOITATION (BY STATE/PRIVATE COMPANIES AND AN
INTERNATIONAL ENTERPRISE) WHIC THEY FEEL IS INCOMPATIBLE
WITH THE CONCEPT OF THAT AREA AS THE COMMON HERITAGE OF
MANKIND. HE COMMENTED THAT THERE WAS A FAVORABLE EVOLU-
TION AMONG THE G-77 IN THEIR UNDERSTAND OF THE NECES-
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SITY OF THE AUTHORITY AND THE ENTERPRISE BUT IT WAS NOT
CLEAR THAT THIS UNDERSTANDING MET THE US REQUIREMENT
FOR A CLEAR RECOGNITION OF THE PARALLEL SYSTEM.

2. AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON NOTED THAT ROMANIA HAS A UNIQUE
ROLE TO PLAY AS A MEMBER OF THE G-77 WHEREBY THEY CAN ACT
AS A BRIDGE NOT ONLY BETWEEN THE SOCIALIST AND WESTERN

CAPITALIST COUNTRIES BUT ALSO BETWEEN THE NORTH AND SOUTH. IN THIS CAPACITY IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR THE ROMANIAN DELEGATION TO UNDERSTAND THAT FOR THE COMMON HERITAGE TO BE REALIZED IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO EXPLOIT THE DEEP SEABEDS. WITHOUT INVESTMENT AND TECHNOLOGY THIS COULD NOT BE DONE AND THEREFORE IT WAS IMPORTANT TO CREATE A SITUATION THAT DOES NOT DISCOURAGE INVESTMENT. THIS WOULD BE IN THE INTEREST OF ALL PARTIES. AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THERE BE NO MIS-UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF ARTICLE 9 (PART I, RSNT-RESOURCE POLICY). THE US HAS ALREADY MADE IMPORTANT CONCESSIONS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND DRASTIC FURTHER CHANGES WOULD CREATE A MAJOR PROBLEM. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HE COULD NOT PROPOSE TO THE PRESIDENT A TREATY WHICH DID NOT AFFORD A REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR US COMPANIES TO ENGAGE IN SEABED MINING.

3. COMMENT: THE MEETING WITH THE ROMANIAN DELEGATION WAS CORDIAL AND PLEASANT ALTHOUGH THERE ARE CLEAR DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US ON IMPORTANT ISSUES OF COMMITTEE I POLICY. GLIGA DID NOT TOUCH ON THE POINTS OF THE ASSEMBLY OR COUNCIL RAISED IN THE REFTEL BUT SINCE BOTH SIDES AGREED TO MEET FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AT THE EXPERTS' LEVEL, THE ISSUE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY COME UP LATER. (A MEMCON WILL BE SENT TO YOU VIA POUCH).

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